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THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Policy decisions of Governments are made after receiving representations. Some representations have already been received in this behalf. The Government decided not to raise the age of retirement as a general rule.

SRI M. RAJAH IYER : Sir, may I point out that sufficient time was not given for representations to be made? We should not come to a hasty decision. May I request the Government to defer decision in any specific form on this issue?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : The decision has already been taken. But, if further representations are made, they would also be looked into.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Sir, is there a proposal to treat teachers in Government service on a par with those employed in other places in regard to the raising of the age of retirement?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : We have made an exception in the case of technical personnel, and included teachers under 'technical personnel'.

Bus Fares

* 63 Q.—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the fact that the bus fares in private sector have been increased by private owners; and

(b) if so, the action taken or proposed tr be taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister) : (a) & (b) Yes, Sir, but the increase was found to be within the prescribed limits except on a few routes where prompt action was taken to bring the fares within the permissible limits.

SRI K. S. ABDUL WAHAB : Is it a fact, Sir, that the Government are considering the question of raising the fares in the Government transport buses?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : We have no such proposal under consideration. But the new levies made by the Government of India in respect of motor vehicles, chassis, spare parts, petrol, etc., will increase the cost of operation very much. That will have to be considered.

Elementary School Teachers

* 64 Q.—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether any instances of unemployment of permanent teachers of elementary schools of the Madurai District Board due to wrong postings have been brought to the notice of the Government; and